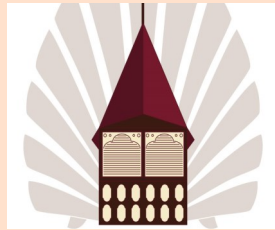


ASH WEDNESDAY February 14, 2024
Church services noon and 5:30pm.
Drive through 'Ashes to Go' all morning.
Wednesday Lenten Services held 5:30 pm. (note time change)

Rite Two Worship Team
LEM Doc Ayres Lector Austin Bay/Greg Northrup
Usher Joe Bailey/Jason Krupala intercessor Julie Ardery
Vestry Joe Bailey
Altar Guild Team - all teams



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"Enter as strangers, leave as friends."



**THE
FIFTH
SUNDAY
AFTER THE
EPIPHANY**

Year B

February 4, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Thank you for joining us in worship at St James! A special welcome to our visitors. Please sign the guest book and/or fill out the visitor card and put in the collection plate so that we might greet you more personally. You are invited to participate in the service to the extent that you are comfortable. All persons are welcome to join us in communion including children. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to partake in communion, the priest will give you a blessing instead of the bread and wine. If you prefer a blessing by the priest, cross your chest with your arms. If you would like the bread but not the wine, indicate in the same way. For those with physical challenges, please know that you can stand (instead of kneel) at the Altar Rail. You can also let the usher know that you would like the priest to bring you communion in your pew. The hymn numbers as indicated in this bulletin are from the blue *Hymnal 1982* or the red/black *'Lift Every Voice & Sing'* in the pew and the order of service is from the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Please join us for hospitality in the Parish Hall following the service.

Your presence is a blessing!

Voluntary "Loure" by J.S. Bach, Arranged by Gerald Peterson. The loure is a French Baroque dance, probably originating in Normandy and named after the sound of the instrument of the same name. (a type of musette). Mary Ann Hatfield

WELCOME-ANNOUNCEMENT-INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Introit: (please remain seated)

Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)

W/M: Brenton Brown and Brian Doerksen (2000)

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer

Please Stand

Processional *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* ST. DENIO Hymnal 423

Opening Acclamation Prayer Book 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis* Schubert Prayer Book 356

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 40: 21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

+++ANNOUNCEMENTS+++

Mark Your Calendar

Ladies, put on your best apron, grab your favorite beverage and join us for an afternoon movie with Julia Child, famous chef, author, and television personality.

Cook with wine and add it to your recipe too! February 6, 2024 **2 p.m.** ~ Parish Hall .

A light snack will be provided. Contributions appreciated.

Holy Smokers & ECW Bake Sale

Saturday, February 10th from 10:30am-1pm. Will benefit Tejas Health Center.

Men's Club Meeting

Monday evening, February 12th 6pm. More information forthcoming.

Save the date! ('Feast Day' before Ash Wednesday)

Mardi Gras Supper Club will be TUESDAY Feb.13th, 5:30pm at the Sons of Hermann Hall in Rutersville. Hosts: Helms, Reistle, Pittman, Gibson, Ayres, Coppinger, Christians, and Frondorfs. Gumbo and Court Bouillon will be main entrée. Guests are asked to bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert. Bring your drink of choice. Tea and water will be provided.

Vestry

Will meet Tuesday, Feb. 20th at 5pm.

Second Chance Emporium

Next St. James' work week is February 27-March 2. Please call Lil Landry or Barbara Calliotte if interested in volunteering. Serve and have fun too!

Postcommunion Prayer (please stand or kneel)

Prayer Book 366

Priest: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest gives a blessing.

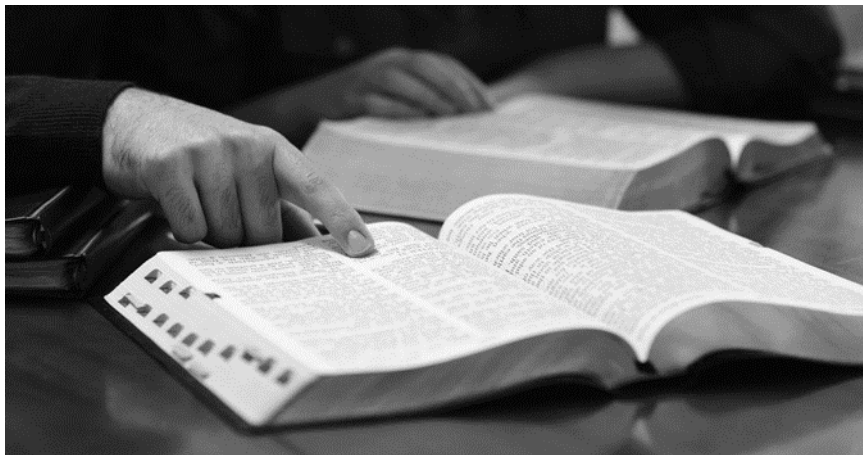
Songs of thankfulness and praise SALZBURG

Hymnal 135

Priest gives dismissal.

BCP 366

People: Thanks be to God.



*On Sunday join us at Bible Study between the services.
Come NO matter how much you know about the Bible!*

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147: 1-12,21c

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

Joyfully! Antiphon Don Kirby

1. Ha - le - lu - jah! How good it is to sing prais-es to_our God! Hal - le-lu - jah!

Antiphon (1st time solo, 2nd choir, 3rd and subsequent, congregation please sing.)

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God!
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

Antiphon

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4 He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground. *Antiphon*

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the harp. *Antiphon*

8 He covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds
and for the young ravens when they cry. *Antiphon*

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse;
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who await his gracious favor.

21 Hallelujah! *Antiphon*

Second Lesson: First Corinthians 9: 16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Priest continues... who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus, Holy, Holy, Holy ALL SING Schubert Hymnal S-130
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Priest continues...Therefore according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Priest continues...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion: all who are Baptized, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive communion. (details on cover of this bulletin)

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei Schubert

Hymn S-164

**Jesus, Lamb of God; have mercy of us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins; have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world.
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Communion Music:

God of mercy, God of grace LUCERNA LAUDONIAE

Hymnal 538

Surely it is God who saves me THOMAS MERTON

Hymnal 679

O bless the Lord, my soul ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS)

Hymnal 411

The Offertory

Heal me, hands of Christ

Choir

W: Michael Perry, 1982; M: Elaine Aune 2003

Church of England clergyman, Perry was one of the leading British hymnodists of the 20th century. He was closely associated with Jubilate Hymns. He composed more than 200 hymns and Bible versifications. Elaine Aune set these lyrics for Marvin Howard, Director of Music at Zion Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Heal me, hands of Christ, and search out all my pain;
restore my hope, remove my fear, and bring me peace again.

Cleanse me, blood of Christ, take bitterness away;
let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.

Know me, mind of Christ, and show me all my sin;
dispel the memories of guilt and bring me peace within.

Fill me, joy of Christ; anxiety shall cease,
and heaven's serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace!

Heal me, hands of Christ,
Cleanse me, blood of Christ,
Know me, mind of Christ,
Fill me, joy of Christ.
For Christ shall bring be peace.

All Sing: Doxology Old 100th:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving-Prayer B

Prayer Book 367

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

In Christ there is no East or West MCKEE

Hymnal 529

The Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev Sharon Turner

The Nicene Creed *(all stand and say in unison)*

Prayer Book 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, next page please

who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People Form VI

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers; Justin of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and our Diocesan Bishops, Andy, Kai, Jeff, Hector, our priest Sharon, and Rev Wade.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. And so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for thy people and equip us for our ministries.

Silence

We most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor

Pinky	Pete & Martha	Betsy
Carolyn	Lonnita	Brooks
Justin	Annis	
Frank	Sheila	[Prayer

List] and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Hear us, Lord;

For thy mercy is great.

We give thee thanks for all thy blessings, especially for those celebrating their birth, Pinky Wilson and Bob Moore, [Prayer List]; and those celebrating their anniversary. [Prayer List]

Hear us, Lord;

For thy mercy is great.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died [PRAYER LIST], that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Priest says: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. Prayer Book 393

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown, things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest gives the Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Offertory & Preparation of the Table